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MS. BETTY JOHNSON: I am here representing

9 the League of Women Voters, and I have worked
10 with them. I used to teach biology in high
11 school, but for many years I have been working
12 with them.

13 I did want to thank the reports of the
14 Secretary of Energy Intersite Discussion of
15 Nuclear Material and Waste, a National Workshop,
16 that they worked with us in December of 1998.

17 Rosemary Ashworth, who is on the State
18 League of Women Voters, will be here at 7
19 o'clock and she may go more into that.

20 I got into nuclear power because in
21 1979, they had decided to build a nuclear power
22 plant near Byron, about 16 miles south of
23 Rockford. Since I had been studying this and
24 was concerned about it, we intervened and we won
1 the local people to say that they should not
2 build that plant, it was too dangerous, but then
3 they took it to the national, and they said --
4 and I went to Washington, and they said, well,
5 we need the power, so we are going to go ahead
6 with it.

7 So that's one of the things. The
8 energy position, national energy position of the
9 League of Women Voters, and I am not going to
10 read all of it. I have some copies if you want
11 the rest of it.

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12 Reliance on nuclear fission light

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13 water reactors should not be increased. Special
14 attention must be given to solving waste
15 disposal and other health and safety problems
16 associated with this energy source.

17 And then listen to this, beyond the
18 year 2000, this is national policy for the
19 League, United States should rely predominantly
20 on renewable sources of energy. To make this
21 change possible, the federal government should
22 give top priority to conservation and to the
23 development of and use of solar heating and
24 cooling, solar electricity and bioconversion,
1 emphasize energy efficiency technologies,
2 especially cogeneration and district heating,
3 support the development of fusion and geothermal
4 energy. Give extremely low priority to the
5 plutonium reactor reactors. To achieve, reduce
6 energy growth rate and the optimum mix of
7 sources and technology, the local government
8 should use -- I can't read what I read. Oh,
9 read, reuse and development funds, tax
10 incentives and loan guarantee to encourage
11 business, industry, and individuals to shift
12 toward conservation of energy.

13 I don't think I will read this whole
14 thing. But it is gradual deregulate oil and all
15 the other things. I put the main part, and I've
16 got the whole thing to hand out. Rosemary

17 Ashworth, who'll come to the meeting, will go
18 into more details on that.

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19 One of the things that we are very
20 concerned about with the nuclear waste, is that
21 it is biocumulative and people get it in small
22 amounts in products and they don't realize it's
23 dangerous. And, as I say, I have got this whole
24 thing, what I am talking about and other things
1 I have published policies, Too Hot to Handle,
2 Radioactive Waste Policy is Dangerous. They've
3 put in -- you've put in something saying below
4 regulatory concern. Well, that cumulative, and
5 some of the things that are below regulatory
6 concern are dangerous.

7 DR. LAWSON (Facilitator): 30 seconds,
8 Ms. Johnson. 30 seconds, please.

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9 MS. JOHNSON: Another thing that I have been
10 talking about is the fish fuzz samples. Nobody
11 mentioned that, and that sort of goes with that.
12 I am trying to stop because I am talking too
13 much.

14 I don't know whether you know, I have
15 a whole thing I got from the state. We were
16 concerned about Byron. Every place in the state
17 where there are any kind of nuclear facility,
18 nobody should eat any of those fish. They are
19 biocumulative in the fish and is dangerous.
20 This is a whole document from the State of
21 Illinois.

22 I say I did work on the State waste
23 disposal project for a while. So I know about
24 it, but I'm sure that Rosemary Ashworth, who is
1 coming at 7 o'clock, can give you more
2 information. But nobody should be eating those
3 fish and other products that pick up that below
4 regulatory concern stuff.

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5 Thank you for the opportunity to do
6 this. I think it is wonderful that you are
7 having this special meeting.